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FROM
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CACS (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)
SUBJECT: WAR JOHN J. SULLIVAN

ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC
INFO Amembassy GUATEMALA

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1. [redacted] visited Embassy today 1/28/82 and told us that he was writer of Dec 1981 letter concerning W/W Sullivan (reftel). B6

2. [redacted] claims that he was kidnapped in Guatemala by terrorists during December 1979 and held captive. He does not know where he was held as he was tied up and blindfolded while being transported. According to [redacted] on Jan. 4, 1980 rpt 1980 John Sullivan was brought to the jail dressed as a priest. Sullivan was drugged and had been beaten. Sullivan subsequently implored [redacted] to help him. He told [redacted] that there was a reward from his family and [redacted] would get it for his assistance. B6

3. [redacted] says after he was released he was afraid to come B6

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forward. He eventually wrote the Dec. 1981 letter to us and finally on Jan. 25, 1982 he decided to visit Embassy in person to tell us Sullivan is being held in Guatemala by leftist terrorists. He wishes to claim his reward as promised by Sullivan and he would like the details to be handled discreetly for his safety.

4. We informed him we would pass this information on to the Sullivan family and if they thought he deserved the reward we would be in touch.

5. Embassy obviously considers this story to be complete utter nonsense. We pass it along, however, so the Dept. can keep the Sullivan family apprised of all developments in this case.

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